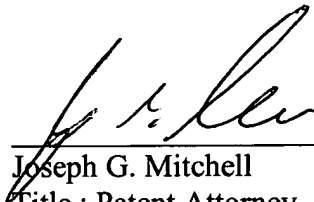


***Remarks***

This amendment merely corrects a rejection of the claims as it pertains to the antecedent basis objection (See PTO's response number 2 in Office Action). It does not broaden the claims in any way.

Applicant and the PTO have a difference of opinion as it pertains to the rejection surrounding the obviousness issue under 35 USC sec. 103(a) (See PTO's response numbers 3 – 4 in Office Action), and for that reason, Applicant is appealing to the Board for final resolution on that issue.

***Very Respectively,***



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